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E.O. 11652: GDS
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SUBJ: NUCLEAR SUPPLIER'S GROUP MEETING

1. MFA OFFICIAL IN CONFIDENCE MENTIONED TO REPORTING OFFICER,
AT A RECEPTION ON JANUARY 26, THAT GOS WILL CONVENE AN AD NOC
WORKING GROUP MEETING OF LONDON SUPPLIER'S GROUP IN STOCKHOLM
ON FEBRUARY 23-24 AT MFA. A DELEGATION IS EXPECTED FROM THE
U.S. AS WELL AS ALL OTHER SUPPLIER GROUP COUNTRIES. AUSTRALIA,
A NON-MEMBER, HAS ALSO BEEN INVITED TO SEND REPRESENTATIVES.

2. EMBOFF OBTAINED A COPY OF AN AIDE MEMOIRE DELIVERED TO THE
AUSTRALIAN EMBASSY ON JANUARY 26. IT IS QUOTED IN ENTIRELY,
AS FOLLOWS:

ZVAIDE MEMOIRE

AT THE MEETING OF THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIER'S GROUP IN LONDON 20-21
SEPTEMBER, 1977, IT WAS AGREED TO CREATE AN AD-HOC WORKING
GROUP WITH THE FOLLOWING TERMS OF REFERENCE:

'THE AD-HOC WORKING GROUP SHOULD:

(A) IDENTIFY PROBLEMS OF DUPLICATION OR OVERLAPPING OF ASSUR-
ANCES, OTHER RIGHTS AND OBLIGATIONS AS THEY HAVE EVOLVED FROM
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SUPPLIER-RECIPIENT ARRANGEMENTS.
(B) EXPLORE WAYS AND MEANS OF SOLVING THE PROBLEMS.
(C) REPORT THE RESULTS OF ITS WORK TO THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIER'S
GROUP AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.'

SWEDEN WAS ASKED TO ASSUME THE CHAIRMANSHIP OF THE WORKING
GROUP AND IT HAS NOW BEEN DECIDED THAT ITS FIRST MEETING BE

HELD ON 23 AND 24 FEBRUARY, 1978, IN STOCKHOLM. THE DELIBERATIONS WILL BEGIN ON THE 23RD AT 10:30 A.M. AT THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS, STOCKHOLM. THE WORKING LANGUAGE WILL BE ENGLISH.

THE DRAFT AGENDA FOR THE FIRST MEETING, WHICH IS SUGGESTED BELOW AND REFERS TO ITEM (A) IN THE TERMS OF REFERENCE, IS BASED ON THE ASSUMPTION THAT THE TASK BEFORE THE WORKING GROUP WILL REQUIRE THE HOLDING OF MORE THAN ONE MEETING.

DRAFT AGENDA:

- (1) OPENING OF THE MEETING
- (2) ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA
- (3) IDENTIFICATION OF
 - (A) RELEVANT SUPPLIER-RECIPIENT ARRANGEMENTS
 - (B) CASES OF DUPLICATION OR OVERLAPPING
 - (C) PROBLEMS THAT HAVE EVOLVED
- (4) TIME AND PLACE FOR THE NEXT MEETING(S)
- (5) ANY OTHER BUSINESS

"FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH ALL PARTICIPANTS OF THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIER'S GROUP IT HAS NOW BEEN CONFIRMED THAT THERE ARE NO OBJECTION FOR AUSTRALIA, TO TAKE PART IN THE WORK OF THE WORKING GROUP, TAKING DUE ACCOUNT OF THE FACT THAT AUSTRALIA IS NOT A MEMBER OF THE NUCLEAR SUPPLIER'S GROUP.
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"IT WOULD BE APPRECIATED TO HAVE NAMES OF PARTICIPANTS (PREFERABLE NOT MORE THAN 4) FROM AUSTRALIA WHO INTEND TO TAKE PART IN THIS FIRST MEETING OF THE WORKING GROUP. ANY COMMENTS RELATING TO THE WORK TO BE PERFORMED BY THE WORKING GROUP WOULD BE WELCOMED TO THE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS IN STOCKHOLM IN ADVANCE OF THE MEETING. THE SAME WOULD OF COURSE APPLY FOR THE TEXTS OF ANY WORKING PAPERS INTENDED FOR CIRCULATION AT THE MEETING. STOCKHOLM 1978-01-26".

3. EMBASSY WOULD APPRECIATE ANY ADDITIONAL INFORMATION THE DEPARTMENT MAY HAVE ON THE PROPOSED MEETING. MFA WOULD WELCOME US COMMENTS ON AGENDA AND EXPRESSED THE HOPE THAT THE US DELEGATION WOULD BE AVAILABLE FOR DISCUSSIONS ON FEBRUARY 22, ONE DAY BEFORE THE OFFICIAL OPENING OF THE WORKING GROUP SESSION.
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